



Water Exchange 2015/16 opening

The Murray Irrigation Water Exchange re-opens tomorrow, 1 July. External and internal transfers will also commence on this day. Updated Exchange application forms are available on our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Customers' then 'Forms' then 'Water exchange forms' or 'Annual transfers' depending on the application required.

Updates to Exchange forms include;

- 2015/16 changes to WaterNSW (formerly State Water) external annual transfer fees; and
- WaterNSW Application to Assign Surface Water Allocations form for external annual transfers

The Murray Irrigation Water Exchange *Terms and Conditions* can also be found on our website. Alternatively, customers can contact Water Trade via reception on T. 1300 138 265 or email wex@murrayirrigation.com.au.

2015/16 commencing allocation

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) will announce commencing 2015/16 allocations for water users in the Murray Valley at 5.30am tomorrow, Wednesday 1 July. This information will be passed on to customers as soon as we are able that day. The announcement can also be found here: www.water.nsw.gov.au/about-us/media-releases.

Fees and Prices - Annexure B

Due to changes for LPI fees regarding External Permanent Transfer applications and WaterNSW fees for External Annual Transfer applications, Murray Irrigation advises customers that there is a change to the 2015/16 Standard Service Fees and Prices – Annexure B. These changes are available on our website under 'Customers' then 'Fees and prices'. Please note there are no changes to Murray Irrigation's Standard Service charges.

Debt management procedure

As announced in the June *Chairman's report*, the Board has approved the Debt Management Procedure which describes the company's approach to support and understand our customers in relation to the management of an outstanding debt. This document, along with the updated Fees and Prices Policy, is now available at www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Customers' then 'Fees and prices'.

Exchange purchase payments

Customers are reminded that the approved method of payment for Exchange purchases or accounts are cheque (hand delivered to the Deniliquin or Finley office), B-Pay, direct debit or credit card. Murray Irrigation will no longer accept cash payments. Customers paying with cash will be asked to deposit the money via their financial institution directly into Murray Irrigation's nominated bank account or make payment by approved methods.

Senate inquiry into Basin Plan

The Senate last week passed a motion to establish a Committee to inquire into the positive and negative impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan on regional communities. The terms of reference include looking at the Basin Plan's progress and costs, its direct and indirect effects on agriculture and communities, as well as the management of the locks, weirs and barrages of the Murray River. The membership of the Committee is yet to be finalised. It is expected that submissions will be called soon.

Legislation to cap buyback

Last week the House of Representatives referred the legislation to cap buyback to the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for review. The legislation proposes to amend the Water Act 2007 to cap buyback at 1,500GL. The Committee has called for submissions which are due by Friday 31 July 2015 with the final report due by 8 September 2015. Submissions can be sent to ec.sen@aph.gov.au. Information about the legislation, including relevant speeches can be found at: www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_LEGislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=r5468.

Southern Growers membership

Southern Growers Inc. is requesting expressions of interest from Murray Irrigation customers and stakeholders to be involved with its progressive group. An expression of interest form will be sent to all *Talking Water* recipients tomorrow. For information, contact Southern Growers Executive Officer, Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

Michael Renehan
CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 61 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 2 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(30/06/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 18 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 152 GL
On-Farm Usage 741 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of ...15 GL)

WATER EXCHANGE has now closed.
Trading will recommence on Wednesday 1 July.

Water use and trade data

23/06/15 – 29/06/15

Murray Water Exchange activity

Water Exchange has now closed.

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade....OML(week). +100,150ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... OML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

23/06/15 – 29/06/15 Rain Evap
Finley 1.0mm 7.7mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 7.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....N/A.....N/A
Hume.....963 GL.....32 %
Lake Victoria.....442 GL.....65 %
Menindee Lakes80 GL.....5 %
Active Storage.....N/A.....N/A

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 5,154 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 6,331 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 3,874 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 441 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 3,990 ML/d
Murray to the Sea N/A

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**